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Shelton wants you here for Homecoming so bad, it's scary

Shelton personnel performed hilarious sketches on Halloween as part of Quality Month. These same Shelton folks, sans costumes, will welcome you back the week of Nov. 12 for Homecoming.



Shelton to celebrate Homecoming Nov. 16

Shelton State Community College will celebrate 50 years of excellence and enthusiasm by honoring all current and former students (1952-2002) with Homecoming festivities on Nov. 16 on the Martin Campus.

Festivities will begin at 3 p.m. with a reception for all former students in the atrium. Shelton officials say this will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends and make new ones.

Some of the best college memories are made and friendships formed through involvement in clubs, organizations and activities. Shelton State students have been involved in a variety of activities over the years and many of these groups will be on hand during the homecoming reception. Guests will have the opportunity to visit with the following clubs and organizations: Alumni Association,

Ambassadors, Association of Practical Nursing, Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleaders, Circle K, Corsairs, Dance Line, Homecoming Queens, Miss Shelton States, New Option Graduates, Phi Theta Kappa, Shelton Singers, Shelton State Association of Nursing Students, Shelton State Courier, Soccer, Softball, Student Government Association and Theatre.

The Shelton State Cheerleaders will get the crowd fired up at 5 p.m. with the Buccaneer Pep Rally. The 2002 Alabama Junior and Community College Basketball Champion Lady Bucs will hit the court at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed at 7:30 p.m. by Buccaneer Basketball, with the crowning of the 2002 Shelton State Homecoming Queen and

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Reporter meets Siegelman at the last moment

By Jonathan King



Courier reporter had a few words with Don Siegelman at a hangar in Tuscaloosa

When I received this assignment, I was quite enthusiastic. Nothing could stand in between me and my goal of speaking with both governor candidates, informing the masses of the issues at hand, and leading students to an informed decision of whom to vote for. Then I attempted it. Five weeks later, I sit at my computer, weary from the failures and near misses with the candidates, nearly defeated. Nearly.

But every cloud does in

fact have a silver lining, and on a cloudy November Monday, the lining was for me.

I was nearing the end of my rope. The weekend before election Tuesday and I had yet to speak with either of the candidates. All hope seemed to be lost, so I began to type. I wrote my contact with the Siegelman campaign, Marion, telling her of my frustration. I had made absolutely no progress, and I did not appreciate how I had been slid to the back burner. Marion had done everything within her power, but the rest

of the campaign was unwilling to help at all. I wrote until I had picked every last inch of bone I wished to, sent the message via e-mail, and began to give up officially. Then she called.

Marion was on the other end of the line, with news that seemed surreal. Siegelman was going to be in Tuscaloosa ONE LAST TIME before elections! I almost wept. My persistence and endurance had finally paid off. He would be flying into the airport for a small rally on a city-hopping trip around the

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Gouge O'Life Shipwreck Encounter

By Ben Herdman

Shipwreck. He was by far the craziest head case I ever knew. This guy was kicked out of the Navy after he freaked out on some LSD and almost beat a man to death.

After being discharged, he adopted a new philosophy which really changed his life. "There is no tomorrow," he would always say. This line of thinking turned into a completely twisted rationale, giving him every power to do all the crazy things a guy might do if he found out that his life would be over the next day.

Shipwreck was a bit of a loose cannon to begin with, but the military fiasco really pushed the poor fellow over the edge. However, this made him the finest entertainment. For once I wasn't the weirdo displaying all the idiocy. It was different being the spectator for a change.

For example, some old boozier on the main drag offered Shipwreck 10 bucks if he would drink a special concoction of orange juice and Tabasco sauce, topped off with a generous amount of cigar ash. "Keep your ten bucks," bellowed Shipwreck. "It would

be my pleasure to drink that crap. Bring it on, man!" The drink was prepared and served, all sixteen ounces of the sludge. I felt uneasy just looking at that awful stuff. Shipwreck wasted no time with it. He chugged the drink down like a frat boy in some kind of drinking contest. Yuck.

The look on his challenger's face was one of respect but of fear as well. He begged Shipwreck to take the money. "Well, what does it matter anyway?" Wreck barked as he snatched the bill out of the old man's hand and ripped it up right in his face. The old guy and I stood frozen in shock, watching the shreds of the bill flutter to the bar top.

Get real! I'd never seen anybody tear up a Hamilton like that! It was certainly a powerful statement of nihilism; I had to hand it to him. But, my God, some of us could have used that money! I immediately pondered a scotch tape repair



Illustration by Abbott

job on the 10-spot, then just as quickly nixed the idea.

You see, none of that "chug and rip act" made any sense. No sense at all! For the week following that eventful night with Shipwreck I replayed that bar scene in my mind. Play, rewind, and play again. There was no easy way to conclude it—Shipwreck was literally insane.

We all do outlandish things in our younger years and I'm a firm believer in the saying, "Whatever floats your boat." But if this is taken to excess, you might just sink your ship.

Off the Shelf . . .

By Glen Johnson

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

Sue Grafton's latest book "Q is for Quarry" starts out serenely enough. Two retired detectives, both old and ill, want to reach closure on a murder case of theirs from 18 years back. So far the solution has eluded them and now they've hired Kinsey Millhone to do their remaining legwork. From there the story takes off like a roller coaster.

Anna Quindlen, author of "Black and Blue," and "One True Thing" among other

bestsellers, returns with "Blessings."

As the story opens, a car drives up to Blessings, the estate owned by Lydia Blessing, and drives away after depositing a box at the front gate. The next morning Skip the caretaker discovers the box and also finds that it contains a sleeping baby.

With "Baudolino," Umberto Eco is back and this time his setting is medieval Constantinople. In it a band of bright and talented seek out Prester John the wake of the disastrous Fourth Crusade.

Contributors needed for Maxwell's Crossing

The Shelton State Courier is seeking editors and contributors for its annual publication, *Maxwell's Crossing*, which will be published Dec. 5.

Short stories, poetry, photography, sketches, paintings, illustrations, creative essays and other literary and visual art work

will be published.

All Shelton students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit material to the *Courier* office in Room 2319 on the Martin Campus.

For additional information, contact Dr. Jim Kenny at 391-2406.

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Mark your calendars now for the Leonids meteor shower which is predicted to be a storm of meteors! The shower will peak on the late night of Nov. 18 and early morning of Nov. 19. Meteor showers are typically at their best after midnight, so plan to dress warmly, find a dark place to observe, and stay up until the wee hours of the morning. You will not be disappointed!

Look in the eastern sky for the meteors that will appear to be coming from the constellation Leo "the lion"—thus the name Leonids for the name of the shower. There are some dozen meteor showers that occur at different times throughout the year. Earth is passing through the orbit of a comet which leaves a lot of debris—most just the size of a grain of sand or small ice crystal. When

Batten down the hatches; the Leonids are coming!

these small pieces, called meteoroids, enter Earth's atmosphere, the friction caused them to burn and give off light. This flash of light is the meteor or what we sometimes call a "shooting star." On just a regular night there are some four or five meteors per hour.

During the Leonids, Earth is passing through the orbit of

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"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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state. I grabbed my camera and my recorder and prepared for his arrival. I went to Bama Air, the building he would be arriving at. As I waited, camera crews from three stations around West Alabama, and a photographer began to arrive. I realized I would be competing for answers to my questions.

Siegelman's plane was greeted by about 50 supporters and he gave them a brief rally speech, before starting the press conference. There I was, standing next to the man I had pursued for the last month. My moment had arrived.

The press conference began with a news reporter asking Siegelman how he felt about the polls that had been published putting him five points behind Riley. "One pole shows us up, one pole shows us down, and another shows us in a dead heat," the governor said. "The pole that counts is the one (on Tuesday), and not the big city editor's. They support my opponent because they oppose the lottery, and they don't want taxes on big companies."

I waited while he answered a couple more questions and then I took my shot. He had focused a great deal of his rally speaking about the "Education Lottery," so I decided to ask my lotto question.

"How would the Lottery benefit higher education and colleges?" I asked.

His answer was somewhat predictable.

"Well, we're talking about money. Higher education can use the money to pay professors more, can use the education dollars to repair buildings or put better technology into our colleges. They can use the money for job training, they can use the money for scholarships. But we definitely need money across the board for education, from K-12 all the way to colleges."

He then added some nice comments about the development of the state's children in schools, saying, "What we want is for our children to be the next scientists and engineers developing the next generation of the Delta 4 rocket, which is being developed in Decatur, or missile defense systems like those that are being created in Huntsville...and Troy."

The next question asked of the governor is what he says to those who oppose

the lottery on moral grounds. The governor, using some quick wit, replied, "Don't buy a ticket! I hope that's what there doing now!" He also went on saying "...some people say the lottery is wrong, but what I think is wrong denying Alabama's children a chance to reach their potential. For us act like we don't have a lottery when every newspaper in the state publishes the lottery numbers... We already have a lottery; you just have to drive a long way to buy your tickets. I want to do two things by bringing the lottery to Alabama, first is to capture that money for education, and second is to save everyone a lot of gas."

When the press meeting was wrapped up, I shook Siegelman's hand and walked away from the airport like a kid coming out of a candy shop. I had gotten exactly what I wanted. Not only did I get to meet the candidate, but I had thrown my question in the air at the press meeting and had it answered directly. Mission partially accomplished.

Although I had gotten in contact with one of the candidates, I really learned far more from the journey than attending one rally could ever teach. I learned that perseverance and willingness to go where others won't is half the battle. Both candidates issues are still fuzzy, and a press conference will never remedy that. Today's politics, especially campaigns, are designed to guard against mistakes and never take the chances that could lose any votes. But what is clear is that the only way there will ever change in this state doesn't depend on the candidates up for election. It will take the effort of people like you and me always pursuing the truth and always keeping a head up, just in case that silver lining comes our way.

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Comet 55P/Temple-Tuttle which has just been the inner solar system back in 1998. The last few years the shower has been excellent, but this year it should be even better. According to eighth edition of *Astronomy's Explore the Universe*, predictions are 30,000 meteors per hour.

On a historical note, the Leonid Meteor Shower of 1833 has been referred to by historian R.M. Devens as "one of the 100 most memorable events in U.S. history." It was this meteor shower that prompted the writing of the song "Stars Fell on Alabama" and that is where Alabama's current automobile license plate gets its design.

Keep looking up. Mark your calendars now less you forget, and enjoy a truly spectacular event — this year's Leonid Meteor Shower!

Your News in the Courier

The *Shelton State Courier* is initiating an effort to cover the news and needs of its readers. Each issue, we will squeeze in space for one -sentence messages from any reader who wants to convey information to the rest of the "Shelton family."

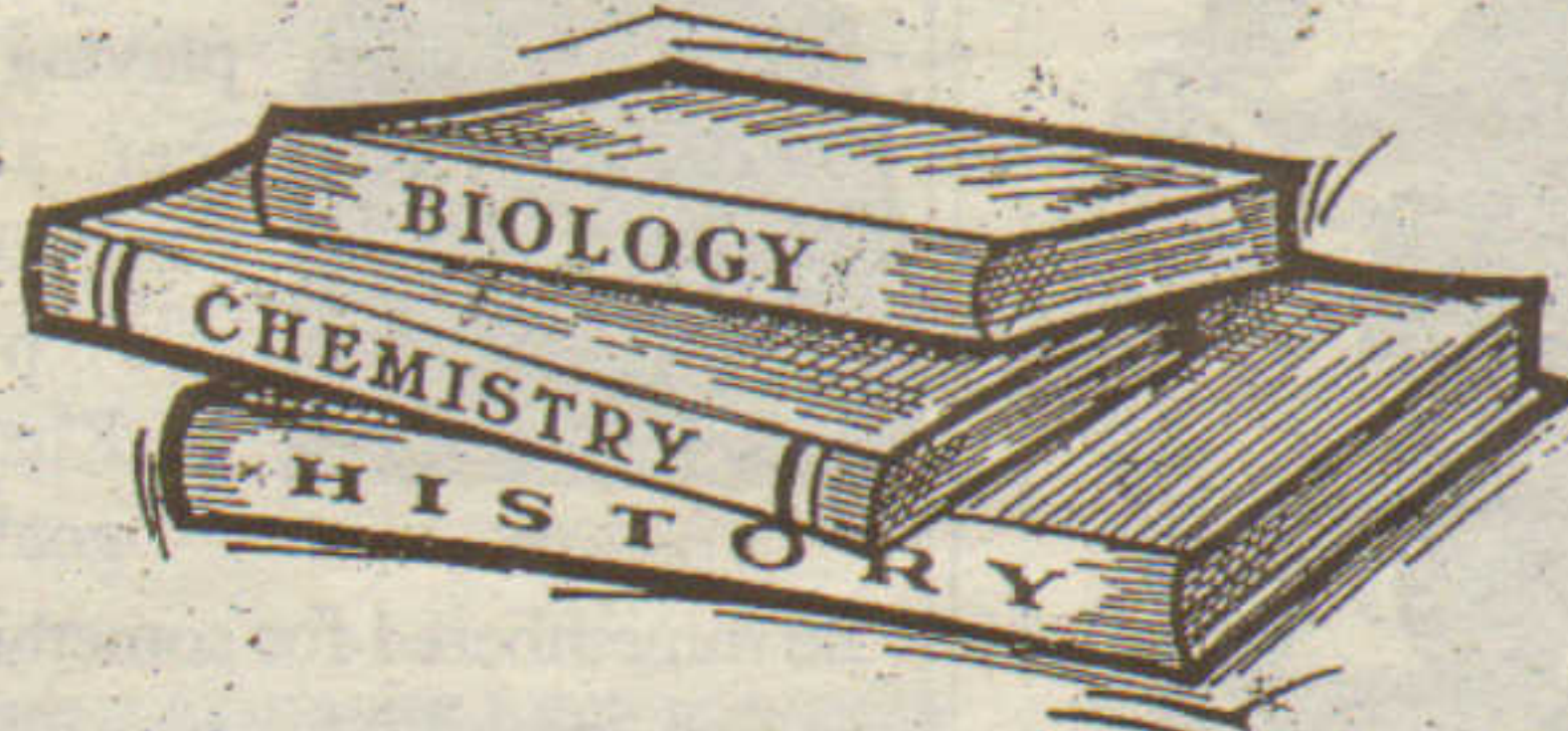
This news is entirely dependent on the reader. Write up birth, death or any other notices and put them in the folder mounted near the *Courier* door.

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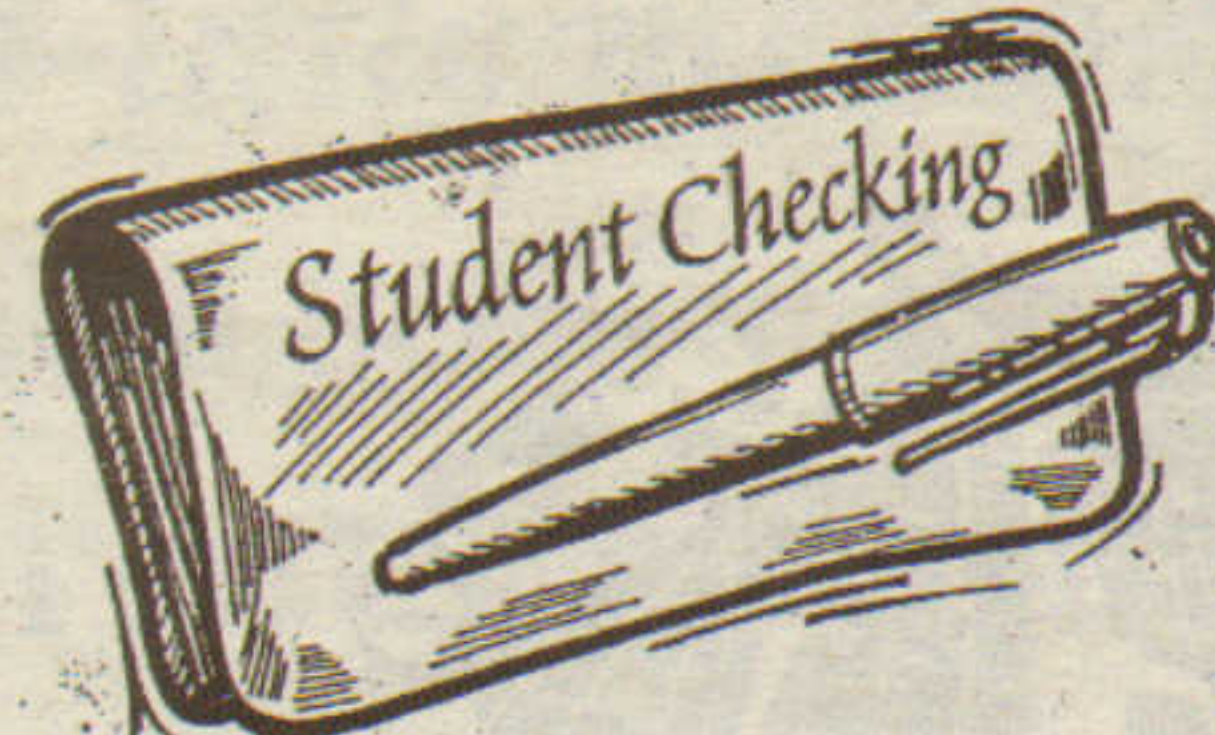
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HOMECOMING SPECIAL

Homecoming Queen 2002 Nominees

Winner will be presented Nov. 16 during game

Candace Marie Morris, nominated by Shelton's softball team, is a Tuscaloosa native who enjoys softball, shopping, hunting and fishing. A sophomore, Morris is majoring in elementary education. "I believe if I am homecoming queen, I will have a greater impact on people and show them that dreams do come true," Morris said.



ball team and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Roberts said, "I want to do whatever in life makes me happy."

Sommer Diane Ledbetter, nominated by the Associate Degree in Nursing Program, is a Tuscaloosa native and is majoring in nursing. Ledbetter said her goal in life is "to glorify God and go to Heaven to be with Him." The sophomore enjoys shopping, singing at church and spending time with her family. Ledbetter said she is running for homecoming queen "to have fun and be more involved in college and to represent my nursing class."



York native **Shanna Emily Martin**, nominated by Circle K, is a sophomore majoring in clinical psychology. She enjoys shopping, rollerblading, water skiing and other water sports and is a Shel-



ton State Ambassador, Phi Theta Kappa president, Student Government Association president and Circle K vice president. "I want to be homecoming queen because I believe I will represent Shelton State in a variety of ways," Martin said.

Tuscaloosa native **Jennifer Beth Taylor**, nominated by Shelton's Public Relations Department, is a sophomore majoring in biology and physical therapy and enjoys church, shopping and the beach. She is vice president of Fellowship Phi Theta Kappa, a member of the Student Government Association, a Shelton ambassador and a member of Diamond Girls. Taylor said she wants to be homecoming queen because "I feel it would be an excellent opportunity to represent the current and former students as well as past and present administration and staff during Shelton's homecoming activities."



tion. "I believe it would be an honor to represent Shelton State's student body during Shelton's 50th anniversary celebration," she said.

Tuscaloosa native **Katrice Lorraine Richardson**, is a freshman majoring in nursing. She enjoys singing, reading and shopping. An ambassador for Shelton State, Richardson said, "I would like to



represent the school on a positive note and help out with any school activities that are presented."

Alexander City native **Karen Renee Lemmond**, nominated by the Shelton State cheerleaders, is a sophomore majoring in elementary education. She is a cheerleader and a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Athlete Leadership Team. She

enjoys cheerleading, jogging and softball. "I would like to be Shelton State's homecoming queen because I would represent Shelton as a leader and a student to the community and others," Lemmond said.



Stephanie Michelle Khalilian, nominated by Shelton's soccer team, is a Tuscaloosa native who enjoys singing, playing guitar, soccer and random church activities. A sophomore, Khalilian said her goal in life is "to



be remembered for something great and to live anything but an ordinary life."

Prattville native **Rebekah Kay Gentry**, nominated by Coordinator for Student Services Tracy Branch Abbott, is a sophomore majoring in cosmetology. She enjoys shopping and spending time with friends and family.

A former Shelton cheerleader, Abbott is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Student Government Association, Circle K and Shelton Alumni Associa-



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Who was Shelton, and why did they name a school after him?

The person for who Shelton State is named was a "war hero." Not necessarily a veteran of foreign wars, (though he may have been that, too). No, it was the political-educational wars over soldiers returning from World War II that Shelton won his epic battle.

In the late '40s, Tuscaloosa had been passed over for one of the four trade school sites being pushed by a feisty young politician named George Wallace. But this would never do for J.P. Shelton, A.K. "Temo" Callahan and members of the Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce who traveled to Montgomery on Sept. 29, 1950.

With the leadership of Shelton and with the support of Gov. "Big Jim" Folsom, Tuscaloosa was selected to be the site of the third trade school.

Shelton was an attorney who was elected to the Alabama legislature in 1945. During his last terming office, he served on the Ways and Means Committee of the Alabama House.

Shelton has been described as a large man who liked to sing. His bass voice was reportedly often heard leading West Alabama congregations in his favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."



Shelton founder J.P. Shelton

It has become accepted as fact that Shelton once passed a bill in the legislature without having to take the floor. He lead it to passage, the story goes, without ever leaving his chair.

A "folksy populist," Shelton published a 62-page booklet of favorite verses and sayings titled *Shelton Says*. About one of his favorites, from Rudyard Kipling, Shelton reveals his own approach to politics. Shelton wrote, "In my judgment no greater counsel was ever written than this, condensed in the following lines:

"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue

Or walk with kings nor lose your common touch,

If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,

If all men count with you but not too much.'..."

After a lengthy illness,

Shelton died in 1954. Callahan introduced a resolution in the legislature lamenting Shelton's death and petitioning to name the new trade school in his honor.

The Shelton Public Relations Office provided the information for this article.

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Lady Bucs AJCCC championship ring ceremony at halftime.

"Our men's basketball team is already nationally ranked in pre-season polls and the Lady Bucs are on a quest to repeat their 2002 state championship season. Combine that level of enthusiasm with the fact that we will have hundreds of former students in the stands cheering on the Bucs and you have the makings of a very exciting evening," said Susan Mohun, assistant dean of students.

"We also moved our festivities from

Thursday to Saturday night in hopes of involving more of the West Alabama community," Mohun added.

"Shelton State has shaped and been shaped by literally thousands of students over the past fifty years. Homecoming 2002 will be bigger and better than ever and will be a perfect opportunity for these students to reconnect with Shelton State and each other. We hope to see all friends and family of Shelton State on the 16th," said Rick Rogers, Shelton State president.

Gospel artist tuned up at Shelton

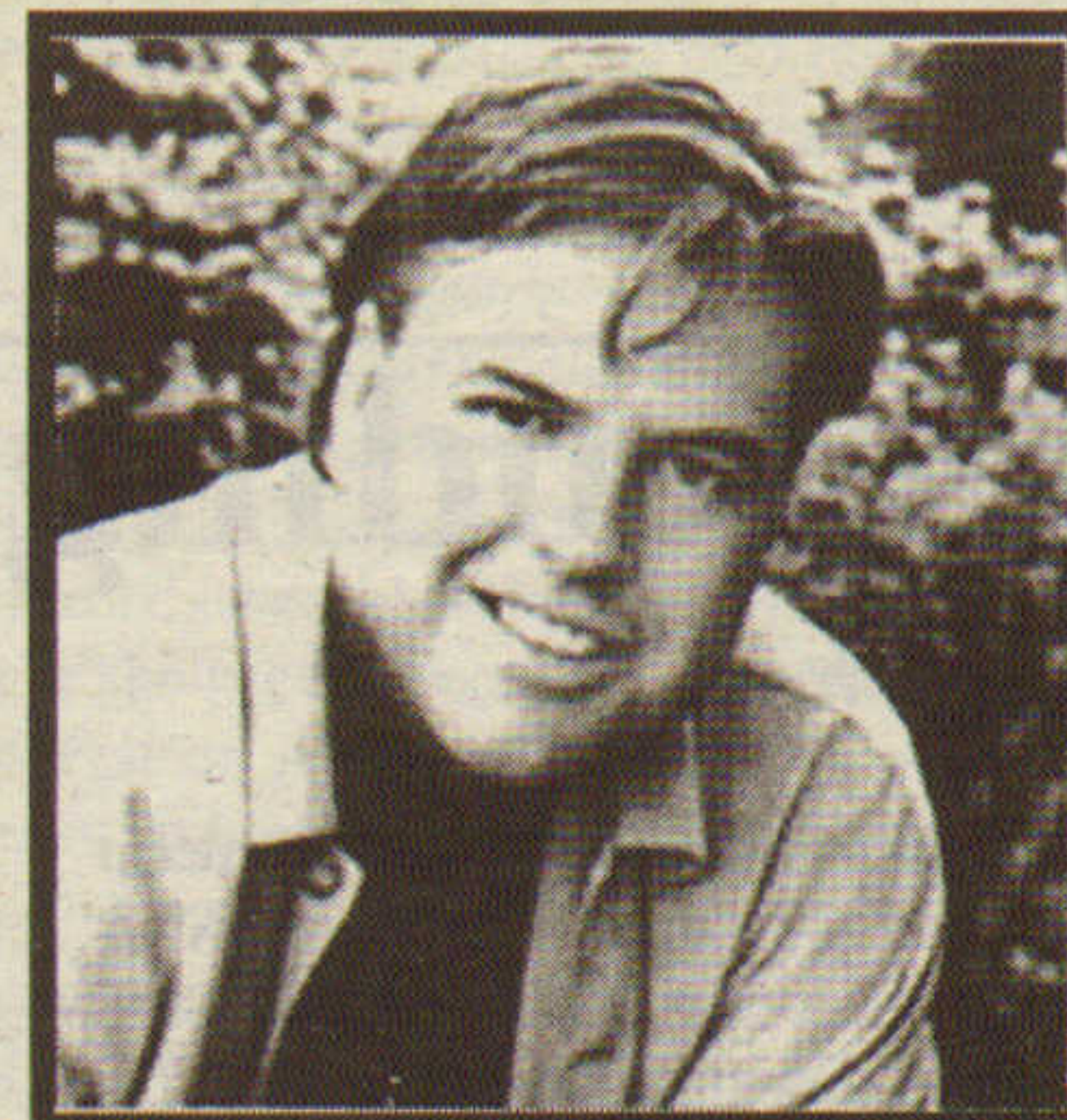
By Jonathan King

Every once in a while, a talent is given to a person that is completely God-give.

Some people choose to ignore, the giver of their abilities and claim all responsibility and glory. Greg Crowe has decided to take his talent of singing and use it to glorify the one who he believes is truly worthy.

Greg Crowe is an alumnus of Shelton State Community College, and a popular Southern gospel solo artist. He attended Shelton on a music and voice scholarship given to him by the late Joy Dindy, former music director at Shelton. "When I sang with the Shelton Singers, it was the first time I'd had any type of formal voice training," admitted Crowe. "It helped me learn to sight read and develop my voice" He said, "Without the training I received at Shelton, I would not be where I am now."

Crowe comes from a long line of musical talent. As a child, he learned to sing harmony with his mother and family at holiday gatherings in Alabama. He has performed with greats such as



Greg Crowe

The Southmen and as a lead singer for the Blackwood Quartet. He has been heard on over 60 radio jingles and has provided backup vocals on numerous recording sessions.

Crowe works over 100 dates a year in churches of all denominations doing concerts. He also performs at schools, weddings, and at many special events.

Crowe teamed up with Time For Joy Productions, Inc. who engaged Grammy

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Sports



—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Defending region champs host Gadsden

By Kim West

Despite losing four starters from a team that went 26-8 and won the Region XXII championship last season, Shelton State women's basketball coach Madonna Thompson and the Lady Buccaneers haven't lowered their expectations for this year.

"We want to win state (region), win 20 games, never lose at home, get better with every game and never let a team beat us twice," sophomore Jennifer West said. "We have a lot of talented players; everyone brings something to this team."

West led the team in assists last season and is a team co-captain, along with fellow point guard Leanne Williams. While the taller West has started the Lady Bucs' first two games, Williams plays plenty of minutes and is one of the team's best defensive players.

Joining them in the backcourt are sopho-

mores Marquitta Hillman and Ashlee Parker. Hillman, a 5-6 shooting guard, won the sixth man award last season and had 10 points and three assists in the Lady Bucs' first game this season. Parker, a 5-10 wing, led the team in shooting percentage and shot 75 percent from the line last season.

Twin towers Tasha Harris and Nica Westbrook are patrolling the paint for Shelton State. Harris, a sophomore who earned the most improved player award last year, showed why she is the team's go-to player this season during last weekend's tournament. The 6-4 center averaged a double-double in both games, including a 20-rebound performance in the opener. What she does is going to reflect on the team," West said. "If Tasha plays well, we should be able to play well."

Westbrook, the only freshman to break the starting lineup, is a 6-0 forward from Elmore County. She scored 13 points in both games and totaled 14 rebounds.

After a month-long preseason that included running, drills and scrimmages, the Lady Bucs are following a daily schedule that includes daily 2 1/2 hour practices, circuit or weight training, and film sessions. The demanding pace will help Shelton State survive a tough schedule that includes non-region games against Meridian, East Central and Pearl River.

"November is going to be extremely tough for us," Thompson said. "We will use all 11 players, and we're going to find out who's going to be consistent for us."

Shelton State opened the season at the Columbia State Tournament Nov. 1-2. The Lady Bucs fell to Columbia State 75-63 on Friday night. Westbrook had a team-high 13 points.

Walters State defeated the Lady Bucs 76-69 the following night. Emily Nalls, a 5-10 freshman guard, came off the bench to score 15 points and grab four rebounds.

Both Tennessee teams are among the best in their region, and the Lady Bucs proved they have the talent to match up with any team by building halftime leads in both games. But the leads evaporated in the second half. Thompson attributed the losses to Shelton State's lack of experience and its inconsistency, which, she says, will improve as the team meshes together.

The Lady Bucs' first home game is Nov. 12 at 5:30 p.m. against Gadsden State. Shelton State had a perfect home record last season.

The Lady Bucs' homecoming is also coming soon. On Nov. 16, they host Meridian at 5:30 p.m. Shelton State snapped Meridian's 14-game win streak last season.

"They're going to be a big rival for us, because they're still mad at us for last year," West said. "The sophomores have never lost here, so to start off with a big game like that is big for us."

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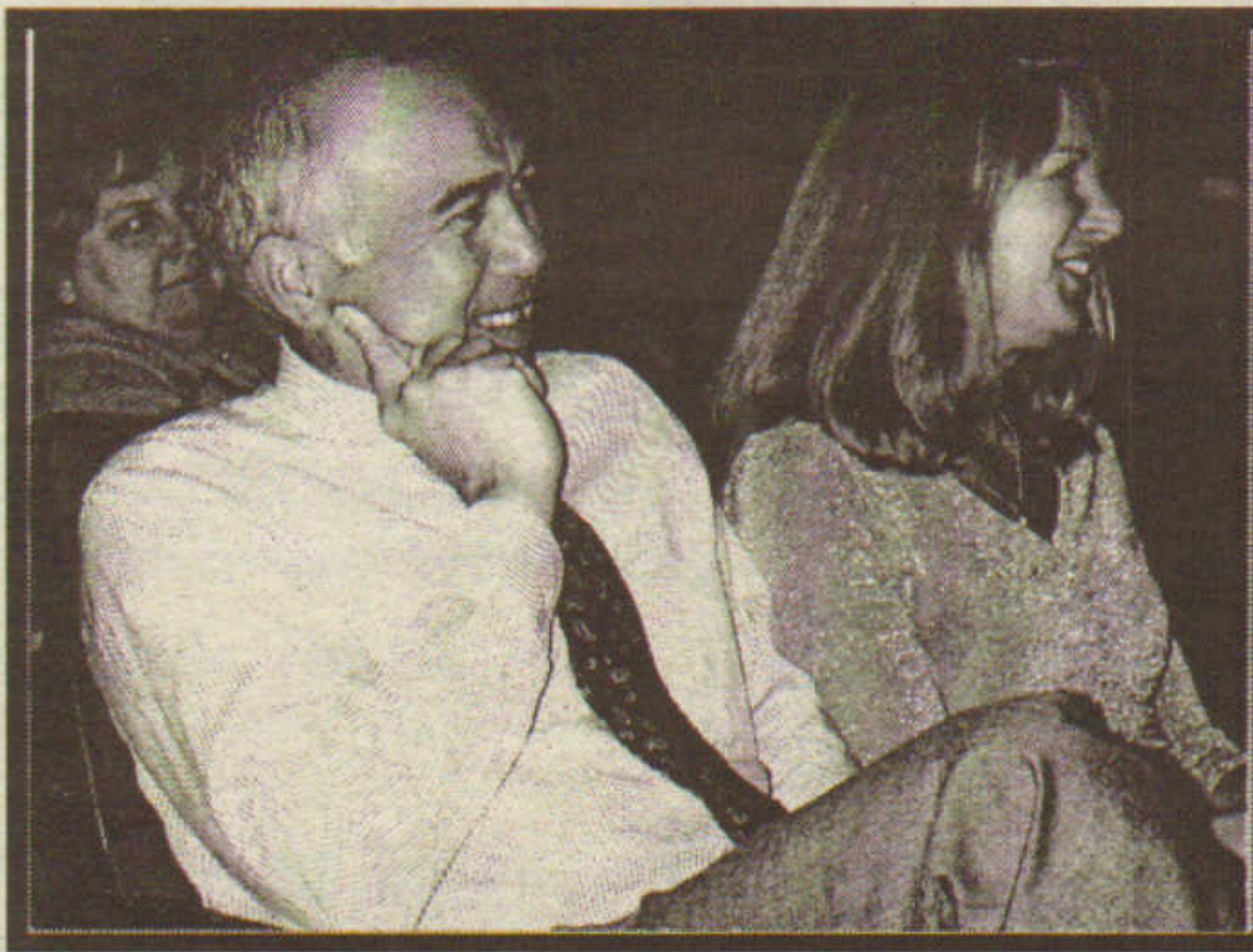


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Laugh and learn

Dean of Students Humphrey Lee along with his wife, Psychology Instructor Nora Lee, enjoys the comedic performance of Alan Mallory on Oct. 31. Mallory, an instructor of early education at Shelton, joined with comedian Martha Ann Hill in a "Dynamic Duo" performance.

College explores *University* drama at Bean-Brown

Shelton State Community College's Theatre Department will present the play *University* for four performances Nov. 7 through Nov. 10 at the Bean-Brown Theatre on the campus of Shelton State Community College. Directed by Drew Baker and Charles Prosser, both frequent performers in Theatre Tuscaloosa productions, *University* takes a look at the complicated life of students on college campus.

Written by Jon Jory, the former artistic director of Actors Theatre of Louisville, the extraordinary evening of theatre includes an exciting variety of stories and situations. The play is divided into eight "miniplays": *Freshman Orientation*, *Blondes*, *Heads*, *Stopwatch*, *"Laguna Di Marano"*,

Camping, *The Quadrangle* and *The Budapest String Quartet*. The cast for the production includes Diany Rodrigues, Lisa Bordelon, Brandon Thompson, Erin Jo Vinson, Ben Japha, Lindsey Jacobs, Timori Robinson, Jeremy Hall, Jerrell Bowden, Susie Johnson, Jonathon Pate, Tim Sullivan, Amy McLaurine and Pamela Reynolds.

Ticket prices for *University* are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. Shelton State students and faculty are admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling the Box Office at (205) 391-2277 or at the door prior to performances.

Performances are scheduled for Nov. 7-9 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 p.m.

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award-winning producer, Gary S. Paxton, to produce the music for his CD. "The greatest feeling in the world is being a part of a group of people who believe in the same purpose, same passion, and same goal-to have a ministry that touches all people," Crowe says with a warm smile. "It is about a ministry that reaches beyond race, music style, or a certain religion. I believe this CD has accomplished all of these goals and we are going to see lives changed everywhere God sends us."

Crowe now hosts his own 30-minute weekly TV show: *Backstage with Greg Crowe*, featuring Christian artists from across the country. It's being distributed to local cable stations throughout the U.S.

Crowe sponsors a group called

Feed My Lambs Foundation. He described it as a group that goes into places such as Africa and finds orphan-ages.

They provide these orphanages with food and medical supplies, and provide a sort of adopt-a-child service. (You can find out more about the foundation on his webpage gregcrowe.net).

Crowe now has a new Christmas project out that has all original music on it.

Crowe and his wife Patti have been sweethearts since junior high. They currently reside in Big Sandy, Ala., just outside of Tuscaloosa, together with their three children, Caitlin, Collin, and Carson. They enjoy their involvement with their extended family at Valley View Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa.

Session with Sessions

By Robert Milz

On Oct. 31, United States Sen. Jeff Sessions visited Shelton State's campus. Sessions was well received by students and faculty.

According to students, Sessions focused on topics they actually cared about, such as Pell grants, terrorism and Iraq. He also spoke about the \$100,000 grant for technology he had helped secure for Shelton.

Students of the Introduction to Media Writing class wrote about the meeting. They described their feelings about the senator's positions on certain issues.

During the meeting, Dr. Albritton, a former boyscout with the senator, asked about Sessions's thoughts on global warming. Even though Sessions may not have expected the question, he "answered the question with ease," said sophomore Michelle Khallilian. She also admitted she was not quite up to date on the



Shelton President Rick Rogers (L) discusses technical education with Sen. Jeff Sessions at the college on Oct. 31.

Earth's global warming.

Most of the students were pleased by the meeting. "I thought that the senator was calm and expressed his and America's foreign policy very effectively," said Michael Park.

So, it seems as if Sen. Sessions may have won quite a few votes from Shelton students. His calm professionalism and knowledge of key issues created an impression at Shelton State.



Jazzy

Nathan Dains plays trumpet during a concert by Shelton's Jazz Band on Oct. 31. Dains, a sophomore, is also a member of Shelton Singers.

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